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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 6, 14, 16 to 19, 21 and 22 are pending in the present application. Claims 7 to 13 were previously withdrawn, claims 3, 15 and 20 were previously canceled, and claims 21 and 22 have been newly added.

The Office Action (1) rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 14, 16, 17 and 19 U.S. Patent No. Re. 22,638 to Kleinman patent ("the Kleinman patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,797,109 to Yamada et al. ("the Yamada patent") and/or U.S. Patent No. 2,119,792 to Parkin ("the Parkin patent"); and (2) rejected claims 1, 2, 4 to 6, 14 and 16 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Kleinman patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,093,991 to Hendrickson ("the Hendrickson patent"), or alternatively, the Kleinman patent in view of the Yamada patent and/or the Kleinman patent and in further view of the Hendrickson patent.

Regarding items (1) and (2) identified above, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 1 is patentable over each of the cited references and/or any proper combination of the same. It is further respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose or suggest "a head connector for connecting the clipper head and the handle so that the clipper head pivots about an axis of rotation that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said cutting edge". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections, and allowance of present claim 1, are respectfully requested.

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With regard to claims 2 and 4 to 6, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are patentable at least for the reason identified above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections pertaining to claims 2 and 4 to 6, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 14, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 14 is patentable over each of the cited references and/or any proper combination of the same. It is further respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose or suggest "an axis of rotation perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and both parallel to and offset from the cutting edge". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections, and allowance of present claim 14, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claims 15 through 18, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14, are patentable at least for the reason identified above with respect to claim 14. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections pertaining to claims 15 through 18, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that present claim 19 is patentable over each of the cited references and/or any proper combination of the same. It is further

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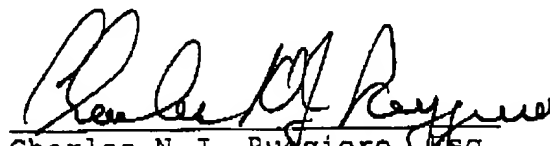
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respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose or suggest "an axis of rotation that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle and offset from said cutting edge". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the stated rejections, and allowance of present claim 19, are respectfully requested.

Finally, with regard to newly added claims 21 and 22, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims, which depend directly from claim 1, are patentable at least for the reasons discussed above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance.

In sum, it is respectfully submitted that the present pending claims are clearly patentable over each cited reference and the cited combinations of the same. Thus, this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

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